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## TOWN OFFICERS—1889-90.

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Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and  
Board of Health.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS, *Chairman*.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Secretary*.

STILLMAN M. PRATT.

Town Clerk.

JAMES REID.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

HARLEY PRENTISS.

School Committee.

GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i> ,	-	-	Term expires, 1891
WARREN E. EATON,	-	-	“ “ 1891
WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> ,	-	-	“ “ 1890
HORACE G. WADLIN,	-	-	“ “ 1890
EDWARD F. PARKER,	-	-	“ “ 1892
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	-	-	“ “ 1892

Road Commissioners.

SAMUEL W. BOWKER, <i>Secretary</i> ,	-	-	Term expires, 1892
CHARLES A. WESTON, <i>Chairman</i> ,	-	-	“ “ 1891
HENRY S. LACLAIR,	-	-	“ “ 1890

Constables.

HENRY STOCK.

CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

### Trustees of the Public Library.

HORACE G. WADLIN,	-	-	-	-	Term expires,	1892
STEPHEN FOSTER. (deceased).						
CHARLES D. THOMAS,	-	-	-	-	" "	1891
HARLEY PRENTISS,	-	-	-	-	" "	1891
JAMES H. GRIGGS,	-	-	-	-	" "	1890
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	-	-	-	-	" "	1890

### Trustees of the Cemetery.

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R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	-	-	-	-	" "	1892
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, <i>Secretary</i> ,	-				" "	1891
OREN N. JONES,	-	-	-	-	" "	1891
FRANCIS O. DEWEY, <i>Chairman</i> ,	-	-			" "	1890
EDWARD APPLETON,	-	-	-	-	" "	1890

### Auditors.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,

HARRY P. BOSSON.

EDGAR M. HUNT.

### Board of Registrars.

JAMES REID, *Clerk*.

JOHN G. ROBERTS.

HENRY ROBINSON.

HENRY E. HOLDEN.

### Engineers of the Fire Department.

EDWARD C. NICHOLS, *Chief*.

WILLIAM L. CROWE.

WENDELL BANCROFT.

WILMOT K. PRATT.

### Police.

HENRY STOCK.

CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

CALVIN L. MARTIN.

EPHRAIM WIGHT.

### Night Watchmen.

HENRY STOCK.

CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

### Sealer of Weights and Measures.

FRANK W. PARKER.

# Town Clerk's Report.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan. 5	Mary Emily Turner, -	F	Adolphe and Sadie,	Laborer.
" 14	Margaret Riley, -	F	Patrick and Margaret A.,	Section hand R. Rd.
" 16	Eva Isabel Elbel,	F	Adolph F. and Nellie G.,	Hard rubber turner.
" 27	Sybil Marion White,	F	Eugene G. and Susannah E.,	Barber.
" 28	James Herman Horton, -	M	James A. and Mary P.,	Inventor.
Feb. 6	Catharine Dorothy Galvin,	F	James and Lizzie,	Rubber worker.
" 9	John Harry Draper,	M	Isaac and Elizabeth E.,	Farmer.
" 18	Merrill,	M	Edwin E. and Anna M.,	Machinist.
" 23	Helen Edith Stewart, -	F	Spencer G. and Ella,	Carpenter.
March 3	Guy Carleton Howe, } twins,	M	James C. and Blanche,	Engineer.
" 3	Roy Newell Howe,	M	" " "	"
" 3	William Doucett,	M	Jeremiah and Julia,	Laborer.
" 4	Isaac Clark Cheney,	M	Charles M. and Emma M.,	Carpenter.
" 6	Lealia Ada Jones, -	F	Jacob Dexter and Julia Etta,	Gate tender R. Rd.
" 9	Martin Patrick Devanney, -	M	Matthew and Rose Ann,	Section hand R. Rd.
" 11	Mary Silena Doucett,	F	Henry and Monique,	Laborer.
April 1	Charles Jacobs Parker,	M	George W. and Jennie L.,	Traveling salesman.
" 3	Arthur William Bolton, -	M	Frederick and Alice,	Organpipe maker.
" 13	Will Rich Milbury,	M	William O. and Edith B.,	Pyrotechnist.
" 14	Joseph Francis Quinlan -	M	Michael S. and Mary E.,	Furniture finisher.
" 21	White,	M	Richard A. and Flora H.,	Livery stable keeper.
" 24	Jessie Louisa Nichols, -	F	Amos C. and Dora,	Driver.
" 27	Grace Clark Mansfield,	F	Ward C. and Sadie M.,	Cashier.
" 30	James Alfred Doucett, -	M	James A. and Betsey,	Laborer.
May 7	Percival Edward Fairbanks,	M	Charles E. and Mary E.,	Salesman.
" 13	Elmer Ross Batchelder,	M	Howard W. and Orissa J.,	Farmer.
" 22	John James O'Brien,	M	John Joseph and Mary Eliz'th,	Veneer dryer.
" 27	Jennie Francis Parker,	F	Chester A. and Laura B.,	Locomotive engineer.
" 27	Daniel Canty,	M	Daniel T. and Mary A.,	Cabinet maker.
" 28	Ruth Peabody,	F	Dean and Sarah M.,	Salesman.
June 5	Mary Murray, -	F	John and Mary,	Laborer.
" 8	Francis Johnson,	M	Edwin Francis and Hattie L.,	Accountant.
" 15	Samuel Thomas Black,	M	William J. and Maggie J.,	Junk dealer.
" 18	Edith Madeline Fielding,	F	Li-ter and Addie Evelyn,	Laborer.
" 20	Walter Dulong,	M	Raymond and Jane,	Reed worker.
July 1	George Edgar Dulong, -	M	Jno. Reuben and Mary Ellz'th,	Laborer.
" 11	Edgar Norman Hunt,	M	Edgar Noble and Francis A.,	Book-keeper.
" 24	Annie Clare Killam, -	F	Phineas S. and Florence E.,	Cabinet maker.
Aug. 2	Chester Howard Akerly,	M	Oliver L. and Susan J.,	Machinist.
" 3	Margaret Veronica Hurley,	F	George P. and Alice M.,	Carpenter.
" 10	Nelson Raymond Weston, -	M	John N. and Annie C.,	Glass cutter.
" 29	Wallace Watson Hawkes,	M	John W. and Mary Jane,	Milk dealer.
Sept. 2	Morton Leroy Lovejoy -	M	Eugene Leroy and Lizzie A.,	Merchant.
" 12	William James Akerman,	M	Ralph Leslie and Louisa,	Rubber business.
" 21	Hugh Leonard Eames, -	M	Leonard T. and Emily M.,	Mechanic.
Oct. 5	Arthur Pratt Allen,	M	Charles H. and Hattie B.,	Commercial salesman.
" 7	Evans,	M	Thomas and Mary Ann,	Tinsmith.
" 8	Elsie Smith,	F	Stephen and Jennie,	House painter.
" 9	Peter Benedict Bennett,	M	Samuel and Jane,	Stone mason.
" 11	Elsie Amelia Nichols,	F	Albion G. and Jessie B.,	Farmer.
" 19	David Edward Barr,	M	Allen J. and Susan K.,	Fireman.
Nov. 2	Honora Cullinane,	F	Thomas and Catharine,	Section hand R. Rd.
" 11	Florence Anna Eaton, -	F	Frank P. and Hannah J.,	Fireman.
" 13	Assunta Michellini, -	F	Anthony and Annie,	Fruit dealer.
" 23	Simon Arthur White, } twins,	M	Joshua and Mary Ann,	Stone mason.
" 23	George Albert White,	M	" " "	"
Dec. 2	Ella Louise Wall, -	F	Edward T. and Lizzie A.,	Baggage master.
" 2	Margueretta Wall, } twins,	F	" " "	"
" 8	Jennie May Hannaford,	F	Warren T. and Margaret S.,	House painter.
" 14	Leo Joseph Burgoyne,	M	John J. and Ella J.,	Tinsmith.
" 19	Colin Balmaln Robertson,	M	James and Isabella H.,	Machinist.

### OMITTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
1881, Apr. 27	Bernard Eben Cheney,	M	Charles M. and Emma M.,	Baggage master.
1882, Nov. 9	Marion Addie Howes,	F	Andrew N. and Lillian F.,	Book-keeper.
1887, June 7	Charles Mervin Cheney,	M	Charles M. and Emma M.,	Salesman.
1888, Dec. 1	Euley May Wilkinson, -	F	George W. and Jennie M.,	Brass finisher.

Whole number births registered in 1889, 65. Males, 39; Females, 26.

Nativity of parents.—American Fathers, 36; Foreign, 26. American Mothers, 35; Foreign, 27.

Three births twins.



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	Age	OCCUPATIONS.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 28	Anthony Michellini,	30	Fruit dealer,	Italy,	Dominico and Assunta,	Rev. J. M. Mulcahy, Franklin.
	Annie Fiorani,	22	At home,	Italy,	Raphael and Santina,	
Feb. 7	George H. Porter,	50	Farmer,	Reading,	George W. and Emily B.,	Rev. Henry P. Hall,
	Eliza A. White,	54	At home,	Bedford,	Albert and Dorothy,	100 Blue Hill ave.
" 14	Arthur H. Cook,	31	Brakeman,	North Reading,	Augustine P. and Emma H.,	Rev. G. A. Cleveland.
" 17	Annie A. Murray,	26	Machine stitcher,	Reading,	John and Helena,	
" 20	Francis W. Doucett,	21	Carpenter,	Nova Scotia,	Frank and Catherine,	D. H. Reardon, Wakefield.
" 21	Richard Robinson,	23	Domestic,	Ireland,	Thomas and Mary,	
" 21	Margaret (Wood) Reed,	70	Farmer,	Troy, N. Y.,	John and Mary,	James Reid, J. P., Reading.
" 21	Elmer Ellsworth Prince,	46	At home,	New York City, N. Y.,	James and Marcella,	
" 26	Alice C. Little,	27	Baker,	Lisbon Falls, Me.,	Jeremiah and Dorcas,	Rev. D. C. Stevens.
" 26	Owen McKenney,	31	Nurse,	Woodstock, N. B.,	Amos and Sarah,	
Mar. 23	Maggie E. Kelley,	21	Brush maker,	Reading,	Owen and Bridget,	Rev. Frank J. Ryan.
" 23	William Salisbury,	28	Rubber mixer,	Ireland,	Michael and Margaret,	
Apr. 6	Mary McCleughan,	19	Housekeeper,	Preston, Eng.,	John and Catherine,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
" 6	Hattie Symmes La Clair,	32	Advertising,	Ireland,	Jeremiah B. and Mary E.,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
May 20	Howell C. Russell,	28	Necktie maker,	Bideford, Me.,	William and Mary H.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
" 23	Thomas Turner,	24	Merchant,	Reading,	Osmond R. and Sarah H.,	
June 1	Mary Thornton,	25	Section hand, R. R.	North Reading,	Thomas and Mary,	Rev. J. E. Millerick, Wakefield
" 3	William Viner,	51	Domestic,	Ireland,	John and Annie,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
" 3	Jane Bolton,	42	Organ pipe maker,	England,	William L. and Emma D.,	
" 5	Arthur E. Davis,	30	Loco. fireman,	Oxford,	Henry and Sarah,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
" 5	Mabel G. Willis,	35	At home,	England,	Russell A. and Mary E.,	
" 6	Samuel W. Bowker,	35	Contractor,	Gorham, N. H.,	Octavius N. and Martha B.	Rev. Samuel Bowker.
" 6	Inogene A. Moulton,	25	Housekeeper,	Mt. Desert, Me.,	Samuel and Elizabeth,	
" 17	Thomas Roby Hill,	28	Salesman,	Cambridge,	Amos and Mary G.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
" 17	Jennie Netterville Monroe,	21	At home,	Reading,	Thomas and Ann,	
" 18	Herbert L. McKay,	20	Grocer,	Reading,	Edwin P. and Harriet,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
" 18	Grace Sigelinker,	23	Box maker,	Wilmington,	James and Susan,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
" 19	Florence F. Nanforth,	22	Nurseryman,	Reading,	George W. and Lydia B.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
" 19	Charles M. Danforth,	25	At home,	Exeter, N. H.,	John Fairfield and Ellen Maria,	
" 26	Nellie Brown,	25	Book-keeper,	Reading,	Charles H. and Sarah F.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
" 26	Lawrence G. Duley,	22	Shoe man 'fr,	North Reading,	David P. and Harriet A.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
" 26	Rosetta H. Wier,	19	At home,	Lowell,	Lawrence and Almida E.,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
" 26	Francis J. Clark,	26	At home,	Reading,	Benjamin and Minnie E.,	Rev. D. J. O'Farrell.
" 27	Charles Douglass Wells,	24	Raggage master,	Boston,	Francis and Bridget,	
" 27	Mabel Gertrude Flint,	28	Horse-shoer,	Bristol, N. B.,	John and Catherine,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
July 8	Quincy Cushing Bird,	19	At home,	Milford, N. H.,	John S. and Susan E.,	
" 9	Emma Frances Berry,	31	Machinist,	East Bridgewater,	Charles E. and Mary J.,	Rev. D. C. Stevens.
" 9	Dannis Doucett,	19	School teacher,	Reading,	Cushing and Sarah J.,	
" 16	Margaret Matilda Doucett,	22	Stone layer,	Nova Scotia,	Daniel W. and Eliza A.,	Rev. J. E. Millerick, Wakefield
		16	At home,	Wakefield,	John S. and Margaret,	



July	11	Boardman P. Shute,	40	Shoemaker,	Lynnfield,	Jonathan B. and Abigail S.,	Erdix T. Swift, J. P.
"	"	Clara A. (Houseman) Miller	39	Housekeeper,	New York City, N. Y.	John M. and Rosetta,	Rev. E. P. Blodgett,
"	"	William F. Nichols,	31	Teaching,	Reading,	Daniel and Nancy O.,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
"	"	Lizzie A. Robinson,	28	Teaching,	Reading,	E. Willis and Susanna,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
Sept.	"	Walter Gerritson,	25	Watch factory,	Reading,	Charles M. and Martha F.,	Rev. H. C. McDougall,
"	"	Hattie Maria Chase,	25	Music teacher,	Great Falls, N. H.,	Samuel and Mary J.,	Rev. J. H. Hoffman.
"	"	Herbert Warren Hodgeman	25	Carpenter,	Lyndeborough, N. H.,	Levi and Elizabeth,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
"	"	Albert G. Nason,	32	Domestic,	Boston,	Charles A. and Laura A.,	Rev. H. C. McDougall,
"	"	4 Burton C. Rich,	26	Seaman,	Chicopee Falls,	James and Sarah,	Rev. J. H. Hoffman.
"	"	Nellie M. Lovewell,	19	At home,	Rockland,	Elijah and Lucie,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
"	"	7 Richard I. Hallett,	23	McKay stitcher,	New Brunswick,	Samuel O. and Elizabeth B.,	Rev. D. C. Stevens.
"	"	E. Kate Knight,	22	Dress maker,	Hancock, N. H.,	Lambertus W. and Sophia,	James Reid, J. P.
"	"	11 William F. Allen,	21	Clerk,	North Reading,	Lucius M. and Henrietta F.,	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Malden.
"	"	Sophia F. Crook,	20	Book-keeper,	Reading,	Ira W. and Caroline J.,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
"	"	12 Lucius Morris Beebe,	28	Book-keeper,	Baltimore, Md.,	Peter and Barbara,	Rev. A. G. Bale, Melrose.
"	"	Helen Ida Ruggles,	30		Reading,	Jeremiah and Mary,	Rev. N. C. Alger, Chatham.
"	"	14 C. J. G. E. Herbolzheimer,	26	Shoemaker,	Germany,	Herz and Julia,	Rev. J. W. Winkley.
"	"	Pauline Cauter,	29	Housewife,	Germany,	Hugh and Catherine,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
"	"	22 John J. Shannon,	30	Stable hand,	Waipole,	Osborn R. and Sarah F.,	Rev. J. E. Millerick, Wakefield.
Oct.	13	Harriet F. McBride,	35		Chicago, Ill.,	Jacob W. and Sophronia P.,	Rev. M. J. Savage.
"	"	Edward O. Poland,	41	Capt. Fire Co.	Winchendon,	Edward John and Clarissa,	Rev. J. E. Millerick, Wakefield.
"	"	Mary J. (Thompson) Fellows	39		Charlottesville, P. E. I.,	William H. and Ruth A.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
"	"	23 Arthur Everett Roberts,	28	Book-keeper,	Charlottesville,	Godfrey and Cynthia A. S.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
Nov.	11	Clara Augusta Norris,	27	At home,	Charlestown,	Jonathan and Mary,	Christopher R. Elliot,
"	"	Fred M. Temple,	22	Salesman,	Reading,	Jonathan and Abigail,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
"	"	Flora M. Tripp,	23	At home,	Chatham,	William and Catherine,	Rev. J. M. Wyman,
"	"	14 Alonzo C. Blithen,	63	Dentist,	Dover, Me.,	John and Mary,	Rosinda le,
"	"	Francis Parker Shute,	40	Housekeeper,	Lynnfield,	Michael and Margaret,	Rev. J. M. Donovan,
"	"	George Crowther,	35	Painter,	London, Eng.,	Orrin and Lucinda,	Charlestown.
"	"	Mary Hubby,	28	Domestic,	Bridgewater, N. S.,	Jacob and Almira A.,	
"	"	Edward H. Forbes,	22	Contractor,	Reading,	John B. and Frances,	
"	"	Fannie M. Downs,	22	At home,	Bellfast, Me.,	Simon and Annie C.,	
"	"	23 Orrin W. Cunningham,	48	Housekeeper,	Lowell,	Andrew J. and Lucy B.,	
"	"	Ida M. (Nichols) Lyman,	31	Carpenter,	Nova Scotia,	J. Brooks and Caroline E.,	
"	"	27 Augustus Surette,	17	At home,	Saugus,	John A. and Ellen T.,	
Dec.	3	Augustus Surette,	30	Provision dealer,	Reading,	Mason and Betsy F.,	
"	"	3 Arthur S. Tuttle,	24	At home,	Windham, N. H.,	Charles A. and Emily C.,	
"	"	Susan R. Nichols,	28	Farmer,	Dedham, N. H.,	Benjamin and Sarah,	
"	"	20 Orrin A. Cummings,	21	Domestic,	Boston,	Charles and Ruth.	
"	"	Cora A. Putney,	33	Teamster,	Reading,	Edward L. and Mary J.,	
"	"	24 John A. Burgess,	19	At home,	South Berwick, Me.,	John C. and Rosa,	
"	"	Julia A. Mitchell,	61	Carpenter,	Boston,	Patrick and Hannah,	
"	"	24 Charles C. Frost,	49	Housekeeper,	Reading,	Thomas and Margaret,	
"	"	Delta C. (Higgins) Smith,	21		Washington Co., Me.,		
Dec.	8	Omitted in 1888.	18	Shoemaker,	South Berwick, Me.,		
"	"	Freeland E. Stackpole,	25	Rubber coat mak'r	Boston,		
"	"	Alice E. Nief,	23	At home,	Reading,		
"	"	Thomas H. Barrett,	25	At home,	Charlestown,		
"	"	Mary E. Miles,	25	At home,	Charlestown,		

Whole number of marriages, 47. Nativity of persons married: American, Males, 36; Females, 37; Foreign, Males, 11; Females 10.  
First marriage of 38 males and 40 females. Second marriage of 8 males and 5 females. Third marriage of 1 male and 2 females.

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.M.D.	NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBANDS.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 9	Gardner French,	77 11 26	Hosley and Rebecca,	Heart disease.
" 10	Henry Damon,	73 11 21	Oliver and Sally,	Gangrene.
" 12	Sarah L. Brown,	76 9 21	William and Sarah,	Stricture of bowels.
" 15	Elizabeth A. Dewey,	63 7 11	John and Betsey,	Pneumonia.
" 17	John R. Dennett,	69 11 10	Ephraim and Abigail,	Heart disease.
" 17	Sylvester Phelps,	81 6 13	Joshua and Nancy,	Apoplexy.
" 21	Luther Weston,	83 1 7	Ephraim and Molly,	Old age.
" 25	Gilman C. Gleason,	79 2 20	Joseph and Lucy,	Faralysis.
" 27	Mary E. Parker,	52 10 9	David and Mary N.,	Bright's disease.
" 29	Thomas Leon Muse,	1 29	John and Sylvia,	Pneumonia.
" 30	Sarah G. Temple,	83 2 4	John and Lydia,	Gastric fever.
Feb. 18	Merrill,	1	Edwin E. and Annie M.	Premature birth.
" 26	Frank W. Gilmore,	15 5 26	James W. and Maria,	Acute Bright's disease.
Mar. 5	Daniel B. Lovejoy,	71 2 24	Bodwell and Sally,	Pneumonia.
" 13	Francis Forbes,	37 2	Michael and Mary,	Heart disease.
" 14	Luther Hutchins,	73 10	Joseph and Hannah.	Apoplexy.
" 17	Mollie C. Atwood,	20 7	Benjamin Y. and Mary,	Cerebral embolism.
" 17	Annie Enos,	4 6	Antoine and Annie,	Bronchitis.
" 26	George G. Pearsons,	25 10 28	S. G. Bradley and Hepsibeth,	Heart disease.
Apr. 11	Sarah D. Butman,	81 3 3	Asa and Elizabeth,	Heart disease.
" 13	Abigail Buxton,	84 10 7	Parker and Abigail,	Bronchitis.
" 14	John N. Nichols,	63 9 10	Richard and Clarissa,	Pneumonia.
" 16	Edwin C. Dyer,	1	Horace E. and Mary L.,	Tubercular meningitis.
" 21	White,	59 6 30	Richard A. and Flora H.,	Stillborn.
" 22	Ira C. Gray,	24 23	Ira and Harriet,	Erysipelas.
" 23	Mary Dulong,	84 7	Veitoll and Maggie,	Consumption.
" 26	Mary N. Sweetser,	56 2 25	John and Mary,	Old age.
" 27	Albert F. Converse,	75	Eben and Sabra,	Apoplexy.
" 28	Jeremiah Delay,	24 11	Michael and Mary,	Pneumonia.
" 29	Hattie C. Eaton,	71 11 14	Osgood and Lucy A.,	Sulcide.
May 4	Charles W. Perkins,	35	Warren and Lucinda,	Malignant cancer.
" 11	Anton Neixras,	40	Newell and Mary J.,	Railroad accident.
" 24	H. Walter Brown,	25 3 15	John C. and Jane D.,	Asthma and bronchitis.
" 28	George W. Porter,	53 8 30	William and Helen L.,	Consumption.
" 30	Helen L. Harrington,	70 8	Benjamin and Hannah,	Pneumonia.
June 5	James M. Eames,	78 8	Thomas and Phebe,	Consumption.
" 8	Martha Bezanon,	30	Michael and Mary,	Debility.
" 9	James Gartland,	72 1	Willis M. and Hattie L.,	Railroad accident.
" 12	Ruby W. Carter,	51 10 20	Edward and Margaret,	Cerebro spinal meningitis.
July 16	Edward Barnard,	74 9 26	David and Lucinda,	Consumption.
" 26	David F. Weston,	72 10	Eliz and Rosanna,	Anæmia.
Aug. 4	John Watson,	57 10 23	Oliver L. and Susan J.,	Rheumatic carditis.
" 19	Chester H. Akerley,	53 9 18	Zebediah and Sarah,	Marasmus.
" 21	William Mears,	64 6 27	Samuel and Miranda,	Degeneration of heart.
" 28	Ellen M. Gray,	53 11 4	Benjamin and Hannah,	Disease of heart and kidneys.
" 29	Jane W. Pratt,	53 11 4	Charles and Elizabeth,	Railroad accident.
Sept. 1	Susan R. McKay,	34 5 13	Rufus H. and Harriet W.,	Cancer of lungs.
" 3	Henry A. Brown, M. D.,	9 27	Joseph W. and Margaret,	Pulmonary phthisis.
" 4	Andrew J. Bowman,	4	Charles E. and Mary,	Cholera infantum.
" 7	Percival E. Fairbanks,	27 2 9	William H. and Ruth A.,	Diarrhoea.
" 10	Mary Ella Nichols,	64 4 15	Walter C.,	Consumption and cong. of lungs.
" 14	Mary A. Blanchard,	61 7 7	Asa A. and Hannah P.,	Paralysis.
" 26	Ellen F. Tufts,	52	Thomas and Mary,	Heart failure.
Oct. 8	Sophia R. Crowe,	39	Lyman and Mary,	Consumption.
" 8	Emma F. Pitman,	1 10 10	Charles E. and Isabel,	Hemorrhage.
" 10	Charles Ernest Warren,	65 5	Abraham and Alice,	Teething and meningitis.
" 21	James Smith,	63	Richard and Hannah,	Bronchitis, with cancer of hand.
" 23	William Proctor,	59 6	John and Deborah,	Myelitis.
" 26	Esther R. Batchelder,	80 10 22	Davis and Mary,	Pneumonia.
" 30	Stephen Foster,	71 2 3	George B. and Eliza,	Paralysis.
Nov. 1	George Ballard,	64 5 5	James W. and Martha,	Marasmus.
" 17	James W. Roberts,	11 6 21	Warren and Mary,	Pernicious anæmia.
" 26	Estella M. Parker,	27 18	John and Annie,	Consumption.
" 28	John E. Walker,	76 4 5	Sewell and Deborah,	Dropsy of chest.
" 28	Rosamond C. Davis,	83 9 20	Eliphalet and Esther,	Abdominal tumor.
Dec. 1	Harriet W. Pratt,	49 10 23	William and Mary C.,	Senile atrophy.
" 13	Frederic N. Temple,	58 10 6	James and Sybil,	Creeping paralysis.
" 23	Mary E. Coney,			Pneumonia.
1886.	Omitted in previous years.			
Jan. 27	Capt. Josiah Coburn,	73 7 9	Josiah,	Cancer.

Whole number of deaths registered, 69. Males, 43; Females, 26; Nativity, American, — Males, 37; Females, 23; Foreign, — Males, 5; Females, 4.

Ages:—80 to 90, 8; 70 to 80, 14; 60 to 70, 9; 50 to 60, 11; 40 to 50, 2; 30 to 40, 5; 20 to 30, 7; 10 to 20, 2; 1 to 10, 2; less than one year, 8; stillborn, 1.

## Dogs Licensed for the Year 1889.

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Whole number of licenses issued.....	211	
One hundred and ninety-two for males, at \$2.....	\$384	00
Nineteen for females, at \$5 .....	95	00
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	\$479	00
Less fees for 211 licenses, at 20 cents. ....	42	20
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		\$436 80
1889, June 3d, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treas.,	\$207	60
“ Dec. 2d, “ “ “ “ “	229	20
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		\$436 80

JAMES REID, *Town Clerk.*

Reading, March 1st, 1890.

# OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

## ALMSHOUSE.

### INMATES.

Cleveland B. Holt.....	Aged 90 years.
Jonathan Pratt.....	" 80 "
David F. Weston, died July 26.....	" 76 "
Alpheus Austin .....	" 70 "
Thornton D. Sanborn.....	" 64 "
James Hunter.....	" 46 "
Henry W. Weston.....	" 41 "
Abigail P. Beers, admitted May 7, died Jan. 13.....	" 69 "

### RECEIVED.

Catherine O'Keefe, board.....	\$144 00
George Beasley, Keeper, lighting street lights.....	294 00
Same produce.....	101 55
Same wood furnished outside Poor.....	42 48
Same meals and lodgings.....	21 50
Same cow sold.....	20 00
Same distributing annual reports .....	8 00
Same removing snow .....	3 00

\$634 53

### EXPENDED.

George Beasley, Keeper.....	\$500 00
George W. Atkinson, groceries.....	222 56
M. A. Stone, groceries.....	168 13
Mary F. Riordan, labor .....	130 00
Samuel A. Clough, provisions.....	121 19
John H. Simpson, groceries.....	87 87
David C. Temple, repairing buildings.....	67 50
Calvin L. Martin, coal .....	61 25
Greenleaf S. Tukey, pump and piping.....	37 73

*Amount carried forward,*

\$1396 23

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1396 23
Paul R. Eames, provisions.....	34 58
Francis Bartley, clothing .....	34 25
William Hawes, fish .....	29 37
R. Dexter Temple, funeral expenses of Abigail P. Beers .....	27 00
C. D. Cobb Bro., groceries.....	22 40
James W. Roberts & Co., groceries.....	21 75
Francis F. Brown, medical attendance.....	20 75
Mrs. H. L. Day, crackers.....	19 54
Ellenwood & Robertson, labor and material .....	18 44
Moses E. Nichols, labor and material.....	17 56
Emily Ruggles, dry goods.....	17 17
Reading Ice Company, ice.....	17 55
Wendell Bancroft, lumber.....	15 98
R. Dexter Temple, wood and windows.....	14 00
M. Hanley, furniture.....	11 88
Charles Wakefield, wood .....	11 25
T. Littlefield, labor and material.....	11 05
W. H. Willis, medicine.....	10 15
Lewis R. Speare, two swine.....	10 00
N. W. Broad, labor and material .....	9 87
George H. Prescott, groceries.....	8 91
H. K. Austin, labor.....	8 40
C. A. Wells, horse shoeing.....	7 02
George W. Hunt, standing wood.....	6 25
Robert P. Burgess, labor and material.....	6 00
Charles G. Rogers, labor and material.....	5 58
Howard W. Batchelder, cutting wood.....	5 00
Dominique Doucett, stone work.....	4 50
Trustees of Cemetery, standing wood .....	4 25
John A. Blunt, iron work.....	3 25
John O. Dow, medical attendance.....	3 25
Samuel Brown, wood work.....	2 75
J. H. Hannaford, medical attendance.....	1 50

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*Amount carried forward,* \$1837 43



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1837 43	
Noble Bunker, cutting wood.....	2 00	
Webster Eames, cutting wood.....	2 00	
John Holman & Co., mill work.....	75	
W. G. White, expressing.....	15	
Sundry bills.....	39 73	
Boots, shoes, and repairing.....	23 95	
Medicine .....	15 60	
Standing grass.....	10 50	
Butter.....	9 72	
Total amount expended.....	\$1941 83	
Total amount received.....	634 53	
Net expense at Almshouse.....		\$1307 30

## RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

John Owens, nursing.....		\$441 16
Thomas A. Evans, groceries.....	\$84 00	
Same wood and coal.....	34 14	
		118 14
Lucy J. Freeman, telegraphing.....	\$ 50	
Same board .....	63 00	
Same nursing.....	5 00	
Same medicine and medical attendance,	5 00	
Same clothing .....	9 75	
Same funeral expenses.....	21 50	
		104 75
Mary A. Blanchard, rent .....	\$35 00	
Same funeral expenses .....	27 50	
Same medical attendance .....	27 75	
Same wood and coal.....	25 38	
Same provisions .....	14 50	
Same medicine .....	2 95	
Same groceries .....	1 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$798 13

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$798 13
Louisa R. Parker, supplies.....	\$78 00	
Same wood .....	6 00	
	<hr/>	.84 00
Caroline Weichman, rent.....		70 00
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, rent .....		24 00
Marcella Wood, rent.....		24 00
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, wood and coal.....		25 25
Mrs. Benjamin Weston, supplies.....	\$53 00	
Same coal .....	16 88	
Same wood .....	5 10	
	<hr/>	74 98
James Sullivan, supplies.....	\$2 24	
Same wood .....	3 38	
Same coal .....	13 50	
	<hr/>	19 12
William Blanchard, medicine and medical attend- ance .....		6 50
George H. Daland, fuel .....	\$8 07	
Same provisions .....	2 00	
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George O. Kelley, funeral expenses of child.....		5 15
Horace W. Blanchard, medicine .....		75
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		\$1141 95

## LUNATIC HOSPITALS.

Danvers, William A. Flint, board.....	\$171 21
“ Maggie Whelton, board.....	182 01
Worcester, Henry C. Buck, board.....	71 04
Northampton, Abigail P. Beers, board.....	\$68 15
“ “ “ “ transfer from hos- pital to Almshouse.....	8 98
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	77 13
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	\$501 39



## TRAMPS.

George H. Prescott, crackers.....	\$8 94	
M. A. Stone, crackers.....	8 31	
W. G. White, expressing .....	25	
	<hr/>	\$17 50
Number of tramps cared for at station, 514.		

Appropriation.....	\$2700 00	
Sale of John R. Dennett estate.....	429 00	
	<hr/>	\$3129 00
Total expense of poor.....	2968 14	
	<hr/>	\$160 86
Unexpended .....		

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

Mrs. Charles H. Leland, Sherburne.....	\$36 00	
George F. Hubbard, Cambridge.....	34 96	
Thomas Welch, Wakefield.....	2 00	
Benjamin F. Wood, Woburn.....	1 79	
	<hr/>	\$74 75

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF STATE PAUPERS.

Simon Dulong, rent.....	\$4 00	
Same nursing.....	25 59	
	<hr/>	\$29 59
Joseph Pittier, medical attendance.....		13 75

## RECEIVED FROM CITIES AND TOWNS.

Luella R. Lloyd.....	\$12 00	
Charles Hadley.....	3 38	
	<hr/>	\$15 38
Received on account of State.....		162 07

## PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Furniture, crockery and tin ware.....	\$357 68	
Beds and bedding.....	214 00	
Provisions .....	139 20	
Farming tools.....	155 00	
Two cows .....	75 00	
English hay.....	60 00	
Stove and hollow ware.....	72 00	
Harnesses .....	50 00	
Express wagon.....	50 00	
Manure .....	50 00	
Wood and coal in shed .....	68 00	
Cord wood .....	60 00	
Horse.....	40 00	
Farm wagon.....	40 00	
Horse cart.....	35 00	
Fowls.....	15 75	
Meadow hay.....	10 00	
Pigs .....	15 00	
Stone wagon.....	15 00	
Horse sled.....	12 00	
Mowing machine.....	10 00	
Sleigh.....	10 00	
Grain .....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$1560 63
Town farm and buildings .....		\$5600 00
Personal property at town farm.....		1560 63
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		\$7160 63

HORACE L. CUMMINGS, }  
 R. DEXTER TEMPLE, } Overseers of  
 STILLMAN M. PRATT, } the Poor.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

### VALUATION OF ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, TAXED IN TOWN, MAY 1, 1889.

Real estate.....	\$2,402,984 00	
Personal estate.....	227,843 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,630,827 00
Whole number of polls, 959, at \$2.00..		\$1,918 00
Tax for State, County, and Town purposes, including overlayings....		\$45,710 40
On real estate.....	\$40,010 21	
On personal estate.....	3,782 19	
On polls.....	1,918 00	
	<hr/>	\$45,710 40
Rate of taxation, \$16.60 per \$1,000.		
Number of horses.....		386
“ “ cows.....		359
“ “ neat cattle.....		51
“ “ swine.....		64
“ “ sheep.....		3
“ “ dwelling houses.....		824
“ “ acres of land.....		5,738
Total value of real estate, 1889.....		\$2,402,984 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1888.....		2,312,383 00
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Increase for 1889.....		\$90,601 00
Total value of personal estate, 1888...		\$243,017 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1889...		227,843 00
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Decrease for 1889.....		\$15,174 00

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,	}	Assessors
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,		of
STILLMAN M. PRATT,		Reading.

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

### SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Horace L. Cummings, to April 1st, 1889.....	\$75 00	
Same on account of 1889 and 1890,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$375 00
R. Dexter Temple, to April 1st, 1889.....	\$50 00	
Same to March 1st, 1890.....	250 00	
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Stillman M. Pratt, to April 1st, 1889.....	\$50 00	
Same to March 1st, 1890.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	300 00
Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, to March 1st, 1890,	\$200 00	
Same Collector, to March 1st, 1890..	125 00	
Same School Committee, to March 1st,		
1890 .....	50 00	
Same Expenses.....	10 70	
	<hr/>	385 70
Harley Prentiss, Collector, on account of 1888	\$50 00	
.. .. " " " " 1889		
and 1890 .....	200 00	
	<hr/>	250 00
James Reid, Town Clerk, to March 1st, 1890.....	\$50 00	
Same Clerk of Board of Registrars, to March		
1st, 1890 .....	40 00	
	<hr/>	90 00
Walter S. Parker, School Committee, to March 1st,		
1890 .....		65 00
Gilman L. Parker, School Committee, to March		
1st, 1890 .....		50 00
Horace G. Wadlin, School Committee, 1889, and		
to March 1st, 1890.....		100 00
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Amount carried forward,		\$1915 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1915 70
Cyrus M. Barrows, School Committee, 1889.....	50 00
Warren E. Eaton, School Committee, to March 1st, 1890 .....	50 00
Henry E. Holden, Registrar.....	30 00
Henry Robinson,       “ .....	30 00
John G. Roberts,       “ .....	30 00
Clarence J. Nichols, Constable .....	10 50
Henry Stock,       “ .....	10 00
James H. Griggs, Moderator.....	15 00
Lewis M. Bancroft, Auditor.....	10 00
Harry P. Bosson,       “ 1889.....	10 00
A. Newell Howes       “ 1889.....	10 00
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	\$2171 20

## POLICE.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Henry Stock, services.....	\$17 38
Clarence J. Nichols, services.....	12 00
Ephraim Wight, special .....	5 00
Webster Eames, special .....	5 00
Willard A. Bancroft, special.....	5 00
Edwin Bassett, special .....	5 00
William L. Crowe, special .....	5 00
William LaClair, special.....	5 00
Lafayette Ford, special.....	5 00
Walter B. Mears, meals for prisoners.....	3 25
William H. Mears, meals for prisoners.....	2 00
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	\$69 63
Unexpended .....	130 37
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	\$200 00

## CARE OF OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

Appropriation.....	\$50 00
Edwin Bassett.....	\$50 00

## PRINTING.

Appropriation.....		\$225 00
C. M. Barrows & Co.....	\$120 00	
W. H. Twombly & Son .....	74 88	
Pratt Bros. ....	4 25	
Samuel G. Stiles .....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$201 13
Unexpended.....		23 87
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		\$225 00

## NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation.....		\$1500 00
Henry Stock.....	\$714 00	
Clarence J. Nichols.....	624 00	
Ephraim Wight.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$1340 50
Unexpended .....		159 50
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		\$1500 00

## ALMSHOUSE BARN CELLAR.

Appropriation.....		\$600 00
Dominique Doucett, labor, self, and men.....	\$228 47	
David C. Temple, labor, men, self and material....	219 13	
William A. Smith, moving barn.....	80 00	
T. R. Newhall, granite underpinning.....	38 70	
N. W. Broad, labor and material.....	27 19	
Samuel Bowker, labor.....	3 00	
William W. Davis, leveling .....	2 50	
John Holman & Co., milling.....	25	
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Unexpended .....		76
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		\$600 00
William A. Smith, moving carriage house.....		\$20 00

## INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT.

Appropriation.....		\$1500 00
Received from Blackstone National Bank, interest on deposits,		136 60
		<hr/> \$1636 60
L. W. Piper, Secretary.....	\$800 00	
Warren Institution for Savings .....	259 30	
George A. Marden, State Treasurer.....	300 00	
Oren N. Jones, Trust Fund.....	53 50	
Mrs. Mary Stimpson.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$1432 80
Unexpended .....		203 80
		<hr/> \$1636 60

## STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation.....		\$1000 00
George Beasley, lighting street lights .....	\$295 00	
Citizen's Gas Light Co., gas .....	179 41	
Warren Parker, lighting street lights .....	60 40	
F. O. Dewey & Co., lamps and chimneys .....	54 40	
George W. Atkinson, oil.....	48 35	
Wheeler Reflector Co., oil and chimneys .....	29 11	
William Hazen Bancroft, repairs.....	9 09	
B. B. Burbank, labor and material .....	4 55	
John Holman & Co., turning lamp posts.....	2 25	
W. G. White, expressing.....	1 15	
John A. Blunt, labor.....	50	
	<hr/>	\$684 21
Unexpended .....		315 79
		<hr/> \$1000 00

## ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Law and Order League .....	\$24 96	
Ephraim Wight, services.....	16 20	
	<hr/>	\$41 16
Unexpended .....		158 84
		<hr/> \$200 00



## CEMETERY.

Appropriation.....	\$1000 00	
Received on account of sales of lots.....	571 00	
Standing wood sold .....	104 76	
Cut wood and posts.....	21 37	
Use of hearse.....	2 00	
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		\$1699 13
Oren N. Jones, labor.....	\$452 86	
Charles C. Dike, concreting.....	155 55	
Noble Bunker, labor.....	109 20	
William Frost, labor.....	97 80	
Dominique Doucett, stone work.....	87 65	
W. J. Jones, granite for new tomb.....	74 63	
Michael Hennesey, labor.....	79 80	
Edmund Buxton, labor .....	15 30	
Ivory Sanborn, labor.....	36 23	
Samuel W. Bowker, teaming granite.....	10 00	
Webster Eames, labor.....	14 25	
Manuel Perry, labor .....	6 75	
William W. Davis, surveying.....	8 00	
Milton D. Parker, gravel .....	6 36	
O. O. Ordway, labor .....	2 50	
Cyrus K. Littlefield, labor.....	1 00	
G. S. Tukey, repairing pump.....	1 00	
William B. Jeffrey, labor .....	50	
R. Dexter Temple, paid for clearing snow.....	1 00	
Same           "    auction bills.....	2 00	
Same           "    posting bills.....	1 00	
Same           "    labor, lotting wood ...	50	
Same           "    services as auctioneer.	2 00	
Same           "    tools furnished.....	3 00	
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		\$1168 88
Unexpended .....		530 25
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		\$1699 13
Cemetery land not lotted, about two acres, and unsold lots..	\$2700 00	
Hearse.....	600 00	
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		\$3300 00

## STATE AID.

Appropriation.....		\$1200 00
John D. DeRonde.....	\$72 00	
John Owens.....	72 00	
Charles B. Leathe.....	72 00	
Clara A. Leathe.....	48 00	
Mary McAlister.....	48 00	
Helen James.....	48 00	
Eliza Hobbs .....	48 00	
Sarah Hetler.....	48 00	
Harriet C. Robinson.....	48 00	
Samuel S. Crouch.....	48 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde.....	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton.....	48 00	
Eliza J. Upton .....	48 00	
Marcella Wood.....	48 00	
Seth Bessey.....	47 00	
Edgar Damon.....	36 00	
William Mears .....	34 50	
Mary A. Blanchard.....	26 00	
Noble Bunker.....	24 00	
Mary Bunker.....	24 00	
Ellen Damon.....	24 00	
Lambertus W. Krook .....	24 00	
Dorcas Berry.....	23 00	
Merrill Hutchinson .....	3 00	
To be reimbursed by the State.....	————	\$1009 50
Military aid to be reimbursed one-half by the State :		
Thomas A. Evans.....		184 00
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		\$1193 50
Unexpended .....		6 50
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		\$1200 00

## SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation.....		\$150 00
Horace E. Eames, Quartermaster.....	\$150 00	

## TOWN OFFICE.

Appropriation.....		\$75 00
Henry Stock, janitor.....	\$12 00	
Fred W. Barry, order book and paper.....	8 85	
Citizen's Gas Light Co., gas.....	8 55	
M. R. Warren, stationery.....	8 00	
W. I. Ruggles, postage stamps.....	3 25	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$42 15
Unexpended .....		32 85
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		\$75 00

## PUMP AT WESTON'S SQUARE.

Appropriation.....		\$35 00
Greenleaf S. Tukey, pump and labor.....	\$22 19	
Unexpended .....	12 81	
	<hr/>	\$35 00

## COLE CASE.

Appropriation.....		\$4500 00
Solon Bancroft, legal expenses and costs.....	\$4442 14	
Charles H. Davis, travelling expenses of jury and sheriff.....	23 00	
	<hr/>	\$4465 14
Unexpended .....		34 86
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		\$4500 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation.....	\$350 00	
Lockup fees .....	3 00	
Auctioneer's licenses.....	2 00	
Licenses from Town Clerk .....	50	
	<hr/>	\$355 50

James Reid, recording births, marriages and deaths,	\$71 45	
Henry Stock, lockup keeper, care of flag, etc.....	33 00	
Wendell Bancroft, watering troughs and repairs..	24 76	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing warrants.....	24 50	
Charles H. Davis, services as Deputy Sheriff .....	22 67	
R. Dexter Temple, returning deaths, etc. ....	20 50	
Stillman E. Parker, census of school children.....	18 00	
S. G. Robinson, printing list of poll tax payers....	15 00	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing .....	14 00	
N. W. Broad, labor and material for fence.....	10 66	
Dr. F. F. Brown, returning births.....	9 00	
Solon Bancroft, legal services on by-laws.....	5 50	
Dr. John O. Dow, reporting births.....	5 50	
Greenleaf S. Tukey, repairs on pump.....	3 00	
H. G. Wadlin, type writing on water supply.....	5 00	
Lewis M. Bancroft, teller.....	3 00	
Thomas Groom, paper.....	3 00	
W. G. White, expressing.....	2 35	
Beal & Clement, expressing.....	1 05	
Cyrus K. Littlefield, labor .....	50	
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		\$292 44
Unexpended .....		63 06
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		\$355 50

## TOWN MEETINGS.

Lyceum Hall.....	\$100 00	
John Holman & Co., voting booths.....	26 95	
Walter M. Scott, election officer.....	9 00	
John D. Canty, election officer.....	6 00	
Ephraim Wight, election officer.....	6 00	
Frederick Bancroft, election officer.....	6 00	
William L. Crowe, election officer.....	3 00	
James Dewhurst, election officer .....	3 00	
Henry S. LaClair, election officer .....	3 00	
James H. Griggs, election officer.....	3 00	
L. M. Spencer, rubber stamps.....	1 50	
Henry Stock, sundries.....	91	
W. M. Titus, labor.....	60	
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		\$168 96

We herewith present for your consideration the following list of appropriations for the ensuing year :

Salaries of Town Officers.....	\$2500 00
Poor out of Almshouse.....	1800 00
Poor at Almshouse .....	1200 00
State Aid.....	1200 00
Street Lights .....	900 00
Miscellaneous .....	500 00
Abatement of Taxes.....	300 00
Printing.....	225 00
Town Office.....	75 00

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,	} Selectmen of Reading.
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT AND REPORT.

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....		\$3700 00
Mineral street bridge.....		150 00
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		\$3850 00
Henry Doucett, labor.....	\$7 95	
John Cerney, labor.....	39 45	
Elizabeth Cushing, gravel.....	4 32	
Timothy Riordan, labor.....	115 67	
James Ward, labor.....	133 40	
John Logan, labor.....	20 97	
David Doucett labor.....	123 45	
Hiram Litchfield, labor.....	91 95	
Frank P. Eaton, labor.....	155 66	
Antonio Enos, labor.....	90 22	
John Flakes, labor.....	60 56	
Joseph Williams, labor.....	97 82	
O. A. Swain, labor.....	60 38	
W. A. Bancroft, labor.....	34 80	
P. Burns, labor.....	107 46	
Henry F. Bunker, labor.....	128 29	
James Marvin, labor.....	74 21	
Frank Castine, labor.....	107 80	
Dennis Doucett, labor.....	8 25	
Ira Gadbois labor.....	41 13	
Alexandra Dulong, labor.....	41 70	
Webster Eames, labor.....	27 00	
C. W. Flint, gravel.....	82 80	
W. D. Emerson, labor.....	18 60	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1673 84	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1673 84
Simon Dulong, labor.....	39 37
William Marvin, labor.....	42 18
Ellenwood & Robertson, stock and labor.....	4 95
James Kelley, labor.....	25 50
Ferdinand Chisholm, labor.....	66 85
American Powder Co., dynamite, etc. ....	8 85
James Cronin, labor.....	4 50
George D. Putnam, labor.....	6 90
Sylvan Muse, labor.....	15 00
Henry F. Parker, man and team.....	27 00
Charles C. Green, self and team.....	12 00
Simon Margison, labor.....	7 00
Simon Muse, labor.....	4 50
N. C. Flanders, self and team.....	55 80
Thomas Horn, labor .....	9 82
M. Forbes & Son, men and teams.....	165 98
Charles Nichols, labor.....	1 50
Henry S. LaClair, self and team.....	158 25
William J. Lawn, labor.....	18 20
Oren N. Jones, labor.....	1 20
Adelbert Batchelder, labor.....	34 50
A. W. Carr, tools.....	80
Emerson Smith, labor.....	1 75
Alfred G. Carter .....	67
Parker Nichols.....	9 00
E. M. Remnick, gravel.....	9 78
S. W. Bowker, self, men, and teams.....	458 71
Beals & Clement, expressing.....	1 00
John G. Hutchinson, self and team.....	11 00
W. H. Bancroft, stock and labor.....	3 50
M. C. Barbrick, man and team.....	3 00
N. W. C. Carter.....	9 72
Howard W. Batchelder.....	3 75
Samuel Brown, team.....	21 00

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*Amount carried forward,* \$2917 37



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2917 37
Charles Wakefield, labor.....	5 00
Arthur G. Emerson, self and team.....	59 98
Cornelius A. Canty, gravel.....	2 52
Amos Damon 2d, labor.....	102 72
R. C. Totten, labor on tools.....	7 13
John A. Boyd, granite .....	50
G. D. Kingman, gravel.....	2 00
Milton D. Parker, gravel.....	25 20
Edward E. Nichols.....	4 50
J. C. Johnson.....	6 18
M. A. Stone .....	30
N. Crafts, gravel .....	1 50
Wendell Bancroft, stock and labor.....	51 50
James S. Wyatt, labor .....	3 50
James Wilkins, labor.....	46 90
Osgood & Hart, grate and frame.....	11 00
Solon Bancroft, gravel.....	1 38
Frederick Bancroft, gravel.....	1 50
John A. Blunt, labor and tools.....	20 60
G. W. Atkinson, gravel .....	26 58
Jesse Pendergrace, gravel.....	5 70
Oscar Foote, gravel.....	63 30
C. A. Weston, self and team.....	138 00
P. Burns, labor, Mineral street bridge.....	9 63
Charles N. Bancroft, labor.....	2 00
Hiram Litchfield, labor.....	3 75
T. R. Newhall, stone.....	55 43.
Timothy Canty, post.....	1 00
N. C. Flanders, self and team.....	7 50
D. Doucett, self and men.....	211 28
Amos Damon 2d, labor.....	3 50
M. Forbes & Son, man and team.....	6 30
Wendell Bancroft, stock.....	6 07
Merrill Hutchinson, labor.....	50

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*Amount carried forward,* \$3811 82

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3811 82	
David C. Temple, labor .....	1 50	
Samuel Brown, stock.....	20	
C. A. Weston, self and team.....	36 40	
	<hr/>	\$3849 92
Unexpended .....		8
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		\$3850 00

## PEARL STREET.

Appropriation.....		\$50 00
James Ward, labor .....	\$11 20	
David Doucett, labor.....	3 00	
Simon Dulong, labor.....	3 50	
Alexandra Dulong, labor.....	6 00	
S. W. Bowker, self, men, and teams .....	19 25	
George Beasley, gravel.....	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$50 45
Overdrawn .....		45
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		\$50 45

## CHARLES STREET.

Appropriation.....		\$250 00
Timothy Riordan, labor.....	\$35 18	
Henry Gorus, labor.....	31 15	
M. C. Barbrick, labor .....	3 25	
Wendell Bancroft, stock.....	9 84	
Frank Castine, labor.....	41 30	
James Wilkins, labor.....	27 48	
A. J. Smith, labor.....	1 00	
Henry F. Barker, labor .....	2 10	
A. G. Carter, posts.....	9 67	
Charles Wakefield, labor.....	4 00	
H. S. LaClair, self and team .....	77 76	
	<hr/>	\$242 73
Unexpended .....		7 27
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		\$250 00

## SUMMER AVENUE AND BROOKS STREET.

Appropriation.....		\$1000 00
Jesse Smith, labor .....	\$26 40	
George W. Putnam, oil stove and labor.....	4 75	
Asa Parker, man and team.....	42 60	
O. A. Swain, labor.....	45 67	
Eastman Austin, labor.....	6 00	
S. W. Bowker, man and team.....	2 50	
C. A. Weston, self and team.....	162 50	
Dominique Doucett, self and men.....	153 62	
Charles C. Green, self and team.....	52 20	
Amos Damon 2d, labor.....	71 92	
R. C. Totten, labor.....	3 86	
James R. Weeks, self and team.....	3 83	
Patrick Burns, labor .....	70 00	
Henry Doucett, labor.....	49 50	
Newell C. Flanders, self and team.....	102 00	
Hiram Litchfield, labor.....	57 30	
Zeba Lampro, labor.....	59 15	
Simon Dulong, labor.....	58 63	
T. B. Black, moving wall.....	10 50	
		\$982 93
Unexpended .....		17 07

\$1000 00

## WOBURN STREET GUTTER.

Appropriation.....		\$125 00
Charles C. Dyke, concrete .....	\$78 85	
T. R. Newhall, stone.....	2 50	
S. W. Bowker, men and teams.....	24 91	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight.....	25	
Osgood & Hart, grate and frame.....	11 00	
D. Doucett, labor.....	18 02	
Wendell Bancroft, pipe.....	10 80	
Milton D. Parker, gravel .....	96	
		\$147 29
Overdrawn.....		22 29
		\$147 29

## IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON.

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Signs .....	\$3 00	
O. A. Swain, labor.....	3 33	
S. W. Bowker, stone and labor.....	3 90	
Frank Castine, labor.....	1 76	
C. C. Dyke, concrete.....	73 80	
Patrick Burns, labor .....	5 25	
Dominique Doucett, labor.....	19 45	
Milton D. Parker, gravel .....	48	
Wendell Bancroft, labor.....	50	
C. A. Weston, labor .....	13 00	
H. S. LaClair, self and team.....	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$126 22
Unexpended .....		73 78
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		\$200 00

## WASHINGTON AND ASH STEETS.

Appropriation.....		\$600 00
Frank Castine, labor.....	\$47 25	
Samuel Brown, team.....	28 50	
James Wilkins, labor.....	4 37	
Thomas Horn, labor.....	13 50	
Henry Gorus, labor .....	25 37	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight.....	83	
Timothy Riordan, labor.....	10 50	
Henry F. Barker, labor.....	31 04	
S. W. Bowker, teams.....	28 50	
Zeba Lampro, labor.....	2 63	
D. Doucett, labor.....	87 05	
Hiram Litchfield, labor .....	1 50	
G. W. Atkinson, gravel.....	25 68	
Osgood & Hart, grates, etc. ....	44 00	
W. W. Davis, surveying.....	1 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$351 72	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$351 72	
Wendell Bancroft, pipe.....	138 36	
James A. Bancroft, surveying.....	2 00	
H. S. La Clair, self and team.....	82 40	
Patrick Burns, labor .....	2 63	
Milton D. Parker, gravel .....	1 74	
T. R. Newhall, stone.....	15 27	
M. A. Stone, oil.....	63	
J. K. Foss, stone.....	3 00	
C. A. Weston.....	3 00	
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	\$600 75	
Overdrawn .....		75
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		\$600 75

## CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES.

Appropriation.....	\$500 00	
Received of John A. Roberts .....	40 22	
“ St. Agnes Church .....	44 45	
“ Joseph Spokesfield.....	20 75	
“ Ephraim Wight .....	19 15	
“ Jason W. Richardson.....	17 58	
“ Oscar Foote.....	33 50	
“ Baptist Church.....	122 58	
“ Wm. H. Mears .....	31 50	
“ C. H. Swain and others on Main street	75 00	
“ D. Doucett.....	1 00	
“ T. R. Newhall.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$909 73
Paid Charles C. Dyke.....	\$455 61	
“ T. R. Newhall.....	256 51	
“ D. Doucett .....	66 55	
	<hr/>	\$778 67
Unexpended .....		131 06
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		\$909 73

## CROSS WALKS ON LINDEN AND WOBURN STREETS.

Appropriation.....		\$50 00
Charles C. Dyke.....	\$59 50	
Overdrawn .....		9 50
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		\$59 50

CROSS WALKS ON WASHINGTON AND ARLINGTON  
STREETS.

Appropriation.....		\$50 00
Charles C. Dyke.....	\$32 45	
Unexpended .....	17 55	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

## SALEM STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00
Charles C. Dyke.....	\$85 10	
Unexpended .....	14 90	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

## REMOVING SNOW.

Appropriation.....		\$350 00
Henry S. LaClair .....	\$9 25	
C. S. Johnson.....	6 42	
Stillman M. Pratt.....	6 92	
C. A. Weston.....	8 90	
S. W. Bowker.....	22 50	
Edward E. Nichols .....	3 00	
Samuel Brown .....	3 15	
Wendell Bancroft.....	5 50	
M. Forbes & Son.....	9 50	
George Beasley .....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$78 14
Unexpended .....		271 86
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		\$350 00

## PRESCOTT STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation.....		\$250 00
Amos Damon 2d, labor.....	\$20 13	
Patrick Burns, labor .....	32 38	
John Flukes, labor.....	18 39	
O. A. Swain, labor.....	6 65	
W. A. Bancroft, team.....	8 70	
James Marrain, labor.....	1 75	
C. A. Weston, self and team.....	50 20	
Hiram Litchfield, labor.....	22 20	
C. W. Flint, gravel .....	16 92	
M. C. Barbrick, labor .....	3 00	
S. W. Bowker, stone and labor.....	8 40	
M. Forbes & Son, labor .....	62	
D. Doucett, labor.....	25 45	
	<hr/>	\$214 79
Unexpended .....		35 21
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		\$250 00

## INCIDENTAL HIGHWAY.

Appropriation.....		\$300 00
Dodge, Haley & Co., tools.....	\$16 33	
Frank Clarke.....	2 00	
G. W. Atkinson, tools.....	1 95	
Hiram Litchfield, labor.....	17 55	
W. W. Davis, surveying.....	4 00	
Susan Holt .....	1 20	
T. R. Newhall, stone.....	13 60	
D. Doucett, labor.....	46 71	
Patrick Burns, labor .....	29 75	
James A. Bancroft, labor.....	10 75	
C. A. Weston, self and team .....	81 16	
Henry S. LaClair.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00



## GUIDE POSTS.

Appropriation.....		\$25 00
C. A. Weston,.....	\$6 50	
Merrill Hutchinson.....	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$7 60
Unexpended.....		17 40
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		\$25 00

## PRATT STREET.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00
James Ward .....	\$9 62	
David Doucett .....	8 25	
Simon Dulong.....	9 62	
S. W. Bowker.....	34 20	
F. P. Eaton.....	9 62	
Antonio Enos.....	8 25	
John Logan.....	7 00	
Thomas Horn.....	8 25	
	<hr/>	\$94 81
Unexpended .....		5 19
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		\$100 00

We herewith present the following list of appropriations which we deem necessary for the proper care and maintenance of streets, walks, and bridges, for the ensuing year :

Highways and bridges.....	\$4000 00
Removing snow .....	350 00
Concrete sidewalks and edgestones, provided abutters pay one-half .....	500 00
Concrete gutters and cross walks.....	300 00
Gould and Green street bridges.....	200 00
New planks for Mineral street bridge.....	100 00

For extending Mineral street.....	200 00
Incidental expenses.....	300 00
For repairing concrete sidewalks where worn and broken...	150 00
For road roller.....	250 00
For sidewalks..... :	300 00
For building bridge on Brook street.....	400 00

The total amount of money expended by this department during the past year was seven thousand forty-one dollars and seventy-five cents (\$7,041.75), of which a large part was for special localities. The general highway appropriation of thirty seven hundred dollars (\$3700.00), spread over our forty-two and one-half miles of streets and sidewalks, leaves a much less amount per mile than most of our neighboring towns expend for the same purpose, but we fully believe that as a whole our streets will compare favorably with our neighbors. The past winter, like the preceding one, has been unusually hard on highways, as generally they get a rest of three months or more ; whereas during the past winter they have received more wear than during several months of dry weather, when they are compact ; but owing to frost and moisture they have become rutted and flattened so as to retain water and fill gutters, all of which will require a large amount of labor to remedy that would not have been necessary had the ground been covered with snow.

Our sidewalks have been cared for in the past from the highway money, but we would recommend that we have an appropriation for that purpose, as with the growth of the town they become more extensive. A marked improvement has been made at the corner of Woburn and Linden streets, by placing edgestones and concreting the sidewalk surrounding the Baptist Church. Another, the concrete walk across the Common. Pratt street has been put in shape for travel. The sidewalk has been constructed on Prescott street. Charles street has been widened, and a sidewalk built, and much other similar work. Guideposts have been erected where necessary, and we believe that the close of the year finds the work laid out for us as near complete as the means at our disposal would allow it to be. There is a deficiency of one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$169.99), bills that

are approved, but as they exceed this year's appropriation by about that amount, they have not been paid.

Last year the County Commissioners ordered Summer avenue and Brooks street rebuilt, and the work is as near completion as practical; but owing to the large amount of rainfall during the year it was not possible to build the bridge on Brooks street on account of high water, and therefore we ask an appropriation for that purpose.

CHARLES A. WESTON,	}	Road Commissioners of Reading.
SAMUEL W. BOWKER,		
HENRY S. LACLAIR,		

## Dr.           EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer,

To cash in Treasury, March 1st, 1889.....	\$3,196 58
“ hired money, temporary loan.....	10,000 00
“ cash from County Treasurer, dog tax .....	414 96
“ “ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	1,519 30
“ “ “ “ National Bank tax.....	621 81
“ “ “ “ State Aid, Chap. 252, Acts 1879.....	43 50
“ “ “ “ “ 301. “ 1879.....	942 00
“ “ “ “ “ for support and burial of State paupers,	162 07
“ “ “ Trustees of Cemetery, lots sold .....	571 00
“ “ “ “ “ standing wood sold.....	104 76
“ “ “ “ “ use of hearse.....	2 00
“ “ “ “ “ wood and posts sold.....	21 37
“ “ “ Road Commissioners, for Prescott street sidewalk...	3 50
“ “ “ “ “ concrete and edgestone account,	409 73
“ “ “ Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson, cemetery gift,	100 00
“ “ “ City of Boston, for support of L. R. Lloyd.....	12 00
“ “ “ “ “ fire department.....	29 05
“ “ “ “ “ Woburn, for support of Charles Hadley....	3 38
“ “ “ R. Dexter Temple, auctioneer's license .....	2 00
“ “ “ Selectmen, from the estate of John R. Dennett.....	429 00
“ “ “ Town Clerk, license fees.....	50
“ “ “ Overseers of the Poor, almshouse account.....	143 05
“ “ “ “ “ pension of Catherine O'Keefe,	144 00
“ “ “ Blackstone Bank, interest on deposits.....	136 60
“ “ “ Night Watchman, lockup fees .....	3 00
“ “ “ Arthur W. Temple, executor cemetery bequest.....	100 00
“ “ “ School Committee, books and supplies sold.....	32 05
“ “ “ “ “ from Massachusetts School Fund.	289 96
“ “ “ Fire Department, fuel sold.....	1 85
“ “ “ “ “ playpipe sold.....	7 50
“ “ “ Edward F. Parker, Collector, list of 1887.....	926 12
“ “ “ “ “ for taxes paid after abatement...	10 30
“ “ “ Harley Prentiss, Collector, list of 1888.....	9,102 84
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1889.....	34,944 16
“ “ paid Treasurer on orders drawn.....	1,041 47
	<hr/> \$65 471 41

## ACCOUNT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Balance March 1st, 1889.....	\$379 52
Received of State Treasurer.....	173 52
	<hr/> \$553 04

## in account with the TOWN OF READING.

Cr.

By paying Statetax.....	\$2,520 00	
" " County tax.....	1,953 64	
" " Selectmen's orders.....	53 561 30	
	<hr/>	\$58,034 94
" cash in Treasury for cemetery bequests .....	\$1,425 00	
" " " " " paying town debt....	1,630 00	
" " " " " .....	4,381 47	
	<hr/>	7,436 47
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		\$65,471 41

## SCHOOL FUND.

Expended for tuition.....	\$252 63	
" " reference books.....	37 33	
	<hr/>	\$289 96
Balance in hands of Treasurer, March 1st, 1890.....		263 08
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		\$553 04

EDWARD F. PARKER. *Treasurer.*

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

HARLEY PRENTISS, COLLECTOR,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

### DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1888.....	\$9,978 46
“ committed tax list of 1889.....	45,710 40
“ collected interest on 1888 taxes.....	372 26
“ “ “ “ 1889 “ .....	83 13
	—————\$56,144 25

### CR.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer on	
1888 taxes.....	\$9,102 84
“ cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer on	
1889 taxes.....	34,944 16
“ uncollected taxes of 1888.....	1,247 88
“ “ “ 1889.....	10,849 37
	—————\$56,144 25

HARLEY PRENTISS, *Collector*.

Reading, March 18, 1890.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

EDWARD F. PARKER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1887.

DR.

To taxes collected after abatement, 1885.....	\$3 89	
“ “ “ “ “ 1886.....	3 34	
“ “ “ “ “ 1887.....	2 00	
“ interest on taxes after abatement.....	1 07	
	<hr/>	\$10 30
To uncollected taxes of 1887.....	\$808 76	
“ interest on taxes of 1887.....	117 36	
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		\$936 42

CR.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, on 1885, 1886 and 1887 taxes.....	\$936 42
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EDWARD F. PARKER, *Collector for 1887.*



## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.

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### LIABILITIES.

Town notes outstanding March 1, 1889.....	\$31,000 00
Town notes outstanding March 1, 1890.....	\$30,000 00
Intérest accrued on Town notes to March 1.....	182 72
Due Fire Department, estimated.....	800 00
Miscellaneous debts, estimated.....	350 00

### TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield.....	\$100 00
“ Thomas Sweetser.....	100 00
“ Sabina Nichols .....	100 00
“ Martha Pike.....	25 00
“ Sarah Batchelder.....	25 00
“ George L. Smith.....	200 00
“ Susan A. Martin.....	100 00
“ Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman .....	75 00
“ T. T. Greenwood .....	500 00
“ Sarah G. Temple .....	100 00
“ Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson,	100 00
	<hr/> 1,425 00
Interest accrued on above funds not yet expended,	12 75
	<hr/> \$32,770 47

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of 1888 .....	\$1,247 88
“ “ 1889 .....	10,849 37
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes.....	352 47
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Corporation tax.....	207 07
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts on account of State paupers .....	29 59
Due from City of Woburn.....	1 79
“ “ Town of Sherburne .....	36 00
“ “ City of Cambridge .....	34 96
“ “ Town of Wakefield.....	2 00
“ “ State aid account.....	1,009 50
“ “ Military aid .....	92 00
Unexpended balance, School account .....	263 08
Cash in treasury, Trust Funds .....	\$1,425 00
Balance of appropriation for Town debt, 1889....	1,630 00
Other cash.....	4,381 47
	<hr/> 7,436 47
	<hr/> \$21,562 18
Net debt, March 1, 1890.....	11,208 29
	<hr/> \$32,770 47
Net debt, March 1, 1889.....	\$17,853 10
“ “ “ 1890.....	11,208 29
	<hr/> \$6,644 81
Decrease during year.....	\$6,644 81

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Collector and Treasurer and find them correct.

Of the outstanding notes, \$28,000.00 bears interest at 4 per cent., and \$2,000.00 bears interest at  $3\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.

One note of \$1,000.00 comes due March 1, 1891, and one note of \$7,500.00 comes due November 11, 1891.

It is the opinion of the Auditors, that the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen should be kept by one person ; and we recommend that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a clerk, part of whose duties it shall be to keep the Town accounts.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,	}	Auditors.
HARRY P. BOSSON,		
EDGAR N. HUNT,		

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading :*

The Board of Engineers submit the following report.

The department has been called out eight (8) times since the last report, as follows:

1889.

March 23.—Fire in wood-land, in north-west part of town. Loss, \$25.00.

March 24.—Brush fire near John Stock's house. No loss.

April 11.—Fire in wood-land of Dana Parker. No loss.

July 12.—Cow stable belonging to Herbert Nichols. Cause, children playing with matches. Insurance \$500; insurance paid, \$300. Loss on contents, uninsured, \$75.00.

Nov. 28.—Call for assistance from City of Boston.

Nov. 29.—Fire in Black's Block, in store occupied by H. Bancroft. Cause, lamp left burning. Loss \$100; insurance paid, \$30.

1890.

March 6.—Fire in Black's Block, including six stores and six tenements, and in the adjoining building occupied by M. Hanley. Insurance on buildings, \$8900; insurance paid, \$8700. The various tenants had an insurance amounting to \$4030, on which \$3623 has been paid.

Since the last report two (2) fire-alarm boxes have been added; one near the house of Brooks Nichols, and one on the mill of the Bradley Fabric Co., Mr. Derrick kindly furnishing the steam gong with steam-power without any expense to the town. Also about one mile of wire has been run to the school-house, near the estate of Charles Wakefield, a neighborhood very much in need of an alarm box. It has been necessary to have some repairs made

to the steamer, which will probably need no more for several years, except in case of accident.

At the recent fire in Black's Block the urgent need of a better water supply was evident. The supply was so scanty that the position of the steamer had to be changed at a very critical time; and we could only protect the adjoining property — the well at Mr. Proctor's factory furnishing so small a supply that it was possible to utilize only one-half the power of the engine.

The fire apparatus is in very good condition, and only slight repairs will be needed this year. The town has twenty-one hundred feet of fabric hose, which has been in use five years, and which seems as good as new; there are also two thousand (2000) feet of leather hose, rather the worse for wear, but which will do for the hand engines at present.

The force of the department at present consists of one Chief Engineer and three Assistant Engineers; a steamer company of fifteen men; a hand-engine company of fifty men, and a hook and ladder company of fifteen men. Also in the north part of the town is a private fire company, owning a small hand-engine, which will be of great use in case of fire in that region.

It will be seen that by our expenditures we have somewhat overdrawn our regular appropriation. This is due to the fact that some unexpected repairs became necessary, and that several members of the department left town before the year was up, making it necessary to pay them at once; whereas they should have drawn on the next appropriation.

The Board recommends that the same sum of money be raised this year as last, namely, two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, to defray the expenses of the department for the ensuing year.

The Board returns thanks to the members of the department and to the citizens for the assistance rendered the past year.

EDWARD C. NICHOLS, *Chief*.  
 WILLIAM L. CROWE, } *Assistants*.  
 WILMOT PRATT, }  
 WENDELL BANCROFT, *Clerk*.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$2,350 00
Received from City of Boston.....	29 05
“ “ Melrose .....	7 50
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	\$2,386 55
Pay roll .....	\$1,152 41
Wendell Bancroft, fuel, material, and salary....	348 10
Beal & Clement, drawing engine, and expressing,	113 70
George M. Stevens, material.....	112 58
Leonard T. Eames, engineer of steamer .....	69 00
Button Fire Engine Co., repairs.....	63 55
William Henry Bancroft, steward.....	60 00
Edward C. Nichols, salary and duties.....	60 00
Henry Stock, janitor.....	60 00
Andrew J. Morse & Son, material .....	42 40
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas.....	41 99
Walworth Manufacturing Co., fittings.....	48 78
Robert F. Philbrook, engineer of steamer.....	32 13
M. A. Stone, sundries.....	29 80
A. L. Danforth, steward.....	27 65
William L. Crowe, engineer.....	20 00
James Dewhurst, engineer.....	20 00
Henry Gorus, labor.....	17 10
A. Howard Pearsons, carting fuel.....	15 50
Tristram Littlefield, labor and material.....	14 00
William H. Lowe, materials.....	11 02
George W. Ambrose, services.....	10 16
Greenleaf S. Tukey, labor.....	9 80
Ira Diderware, services.....	5 83
Otis W. Smith, services.....	6 65
Newell B. Hawes, labor.....	6 00
Michael Daley, services.....	5 17
Simon Dulong, services.....	5 17
P. McCall, services .....	5 30
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2413 79

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2413 79	
William J. Draffin, labor.....	4 15	
Robert C. Totten, labor.....	3 25	
Howard Patent Metallic Brush Co., repairs....	3 00	
Charles H. Nichols, labor.....	3 00	
Webster Eames, watching at fire.....	3 00	
Francis Bros., material.....	2 41	
H. C. Watson, labor .....	1 90	
Henry K. Austin, fittings .....	1 70	
Edward C. Bancroft, services.....	1 67	
A. S. Skinner, supplies.....	1 50	
Peter Froton, services.....	1 50	
O. O. Ordway, labor.....	1 25	
George D. Putnam, watching at fire.....	1 25	
A. S. Jackson, material.....	1 00	
E. McDonald, labor.....	65	
John A. Blunt, labor.....	35	
A. G. White, expressing.....	15	
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	\$2,445 52	
Overdrawn.....		58 97
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		\$2,445 52

## FIRE ALARM DEFICIENCY.

Appropriation.....		\$400 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor.....	\$113 88	
L. T. Eames, labor .....	81 06	
George M. Stevens, labor and supplies.....	60 29	
Samuel W. Bowker, teaming .....	49 88	
Samuel Brown, labor.....	16 00	
Edward C. Nichols, labor.....	10 00	
Wm. M. Titus, labor.....	2 60	
Moses E. Nichols, labor .....	1 99	
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		\$335 70
Unexpended .....		64 30
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		\$400 00



## MAIN STREET FIRE ALARM.

Appropriation, .....		\$150 00
George M. Stevens, labor and supplies.....	\$95 89	
O. N. Willis, labor.....	13 80	
	<hr/>	\$109 69
Unexpended .....		40 31
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		\$150 00

## HANCOCK HOUSE FIRE ALARM.

Appropriation.....		\$250 00
George M. Stevens, labor and supplies .....	\$250 00	

## POLICE REPORT.

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TO THE SELECTMEN OF READING :

*Gentlemen* — We submit the annual Police report :

Assault .....	5	Breaking and entering .....	4
Drunkenness .....	13	Vagrancy .....	2
Adultery .....	3	Liquor nuisance.....	1
Fornication .....	1	Insanity .....	1
Attempt to rape .....	1	Larceny .....	1
Sabbath breaking.....	3	Cruelty to animals.....	1
Evading fare.....	2		—
Whole number of arrests.....			38

Number of tramps lodged during the year :

March.....	73	September .....	16
April .....	58	October.....	46
May .....	17	November .....	72
June .....	13	December .....	72
July .....	4	January .....	84
August .....	5	February .....	54
Total .....			514

Number of doors found unlocked..... 15

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY STOCK,	}	Constables of Reading.
CLARENCE J. NICHOLS,		

## LIBRARY REPORT.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report :—

### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Appropriation.....	\$450 00	
Amount of dog tax.....	414 96	
	<hr/>	\$864 96

#### Expenditures :—

L. S. Cox, librarian.....	\$161 40	
Jessie Grouard, assistant .....	11 90	
J. W. Ripley, binding books .....	44 90	
N. W. Broad, labor.....	3 47	
Gertrude Ruggles, services.....	2 40	
Geo. H. Walker & Co., books.....	15 00	
C. L. Martin, fuel .....	10 00	
L. M. Bancroft, insurance .....	28 13	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing.....	45 50	
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas .....	43 00	
Rent.....	180 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books.....	30 00	
Estes & Lauriat, books.....	281 26	
E. H. Hames & Co., papers.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$864 96

## FINE ACCOUNT.

Balance, 1888.....	\$63 65	
Received for fines.....	42 53	
for cards, .....	5 30	
for catalogues.....	10 65	
for waste paper .....	39	
	<hr/>	\$122 52
Paid for expressage.....	\$4 90	
incidentals.....	1 97	
care of rooms .....	23 82	
books.....	91 83	
	<hr/>	\$122 52

The circulation for the year has been 15,075 volumes. The largest circulation in any single month, was that for November, 1889, namely, 1602 volumes ; and the smallest that for July, 1889, 845 volumes. The following volumes have been presented to the library :—

NAME OF DONOR.	NUMBER OF VOLUMES.
U. S. Government.....	35
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	9
Miss Etta Coggin.....	3
F. K. Pope .....	1
J. C. Ayer & Co.....	1

During the year a vacancy occurred in the Board of Trustees, by the death of Stephen Foster, Esq., its president. Mr. Foster had long been connected with the library, and was one of its most earnest friends and supporters. By vote of the trustees the following letter was sent to Mrs. Foster, and a copy placed upon record :—

READING, Nov. 14, 1889.

Mrs. Stephen Foster,

Dear Madam :—

At the last meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library, the president and secretary were directed to convey to you our sympathy in your recent bereavement by the death of Mr. Foster. For many years he has been a co-worker with us in behalf of the library, and during the entire time he has never failed in his earnest desire to advance its interests in every possible way. His fidelity as a public officer and his estimable private character were highly appreciated by us and we all have a sense of personal loss now that we no longer have the benefit of his assistance and advice.

The vacancy was filled by the choice of Walter S. Parker, Esq., for the remainder of the year.

The terms of Messrs. Griggs and Barrows expire, making two vacancies to be filled for three years, besides one for the unexpired two years of Mr. Foster's term, now filled by Mr. Parker.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. WADLIN, *Chairman.*  
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Sec'y.*  
JAMES H. GRIGGS,  
HARLEY PRENTISS,  
C. D. THOMAS,  
WALTER S. PARKER,  
*Trustees.*



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

### TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR 1889--90.

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#### *School Committee.*

HORACE G. WADLIN	.	.	.	.	.	Term expires 1890
WALTER S. PARKER .	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1890.
GILMAN L. PARKER .	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1891.
WARREN E. EATON .	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1891.
EDWARD F. PARKER	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1892.
CYRUS M. BARROWS .	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1892.

#### *Truant Officers.*

HENRY STOCK.

CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.



## Organization of the Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*.

G. L. PARKER, *Secretary*.

### SUB-COMMITTEES.

High School, { W. S. PARKER,  
H. G. WADLIN,  
G. L. PARKER.

Eighth Class Grammar, W. E. EATON.

Seventh Class Grammar, C. M. BARROWS.

Sixth Class Grammar, G. L. PARKER.

Fifth Class Grammar, E. F. PARKER.

Fourth Class Grammar, G. L. PARKER.

Third Class Primary, H. G. WADLIN.

Second Class Primary, W. S. PARKER.

First Class Primary, H. G. WADLIN.

Chestnut Hill Grammar, C. M. BARROWS.

“ “ Primary, C. M. BARROWS.

Prospect St. Grammar, W. E. EATON.

“ “ Primary, W. E. EATON.

Lowell St. School, E. F. PARKER.

Main St. School, E. F. PARKER.

Haverhill St. School, C. M. BARROWS.

Prudential Committee and { E. F. PARKER.

Committee on Supplies, { C. M. BARROWS.

Committee on Text Books, { W. S. PARKER,  
G. L. PARKER,  
C. M. BARROWS.

Committee on Music, { G. L. PARKER.  
W. S. PARKER.

In accordance with the law and custom, the Committee respectfully submit the following report :

The general condition of the schools has not materially changed during the year. We are compelled to report several changes in our corps of teachers.

Miss Lilla A. Morrill resigned at the close of the year, in June, 1889. She was succeeded by Miss Mary G. Heald, who remained in the school but a few weeks, and was succeeded by Miss Alice Barrows, who was transferred from the Seventh Grade Grammar, where she had won the love and respect of her pupils. The vacancy made by her transfer, was filled by the appointment of Miss Carrie E. Kelsea. No other change has been necessary in the schools at the centre of the town.

Miss Damon, of the Haverhill Street School, received a call at more advanced pay in Rockland, Mass., and resigned in September, and Miss Winifred Emerson, of the Main Street School, was transferred to fill the vacancy. Miss Grace G. Berry was elected to the Main Street School. In these schools the changes were made without loss of much time to the schools.

At the Chestnut Hill School, the resignation of the teacher in the Grammar grade was so sudden, and the Committee on that school notified so late Saturday, that the school was closed for a few days. The Committee were fortunate, however, in procuring the services of an experienced teacher, Miss Ada M. Gordon, of Maine, a graduate of the Gorham Normal School.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School has been fortunate in the fact that no change has been made in the corps of instructors.

Both assistants have had opportunities to go elsewhere, at advanced salaries, but have decided to remain in Reading at present.

The school, we believe to be in a good healthy condition, morally, mentally and physically. The standard of scholarship has been raised, good order and discipline maintained. Pupils who have attained to the age of those in our High School, ought to have self-respect enough to conform readily to all reasonable requirements without external force of any kind.

Public opinion in our High School should be of such an elevated character, that it would frown down any of the petty annoyances frequent in lower grades.

The school is now working on the full four years' course. The graduating class of 1889 was the last class under the three years' course.

The classification of the school, under the different courses marked out by the course of study, has necessitated the employment of extra help in the work. One of the former graduates, Herbert C. Barrows, has aided very acceptably and efficiently in some of the branches of study.

The philosophical apparatus ought to be replenished, and many new pieces added to the set. New encyclopædias and other reference books ought to be supplied. The funds received from the course of entertainments given by the school have been expended in books that were very much needed.

### MILITARY DRILL AND CALISTHENICS.

We report confidently that progress has been made in these important branches of physical culture. The girls have more erect forms, greater expanse of chest, and more graceful carriage, the boys a more soldierly bearing and steadiness of movement, the officers greater self-control in command, the cadets more promptness in executing orders. With the small increased appropriation, we shall be enabled to furnish some of the equipments necessary to carry this branch of study to a higher degree of efficiency. Thus

far the cadets have, by their own exertions, furnished instruction and arms. They have solicited from a few of our generous citizens, funds that should have been furnished from the general appropriations.

### FLAGS.

Every school has been supplied with the Stars and Stripes, either through their own exertions or the liberality of patriotic citizens. Flagstuffs have not been furnished. We hope to provide suitable poles during the coming year. It is hoped that the patriotic sentiment aroused during the past year by the agitation on the national banner will not die out.

The custom adopted by many schools of celebrating annually Washington's birthday and also the birthday of that great man who so fitly represented the plain common people of the republic, Abraham Lincoln, is commended as a custom to be rigidly observed. The history of our country is rich with illustrious names and heroic deeds. We know of no more effective way for the pupils to catch the spirit of our republican institutions, than by the inspiration engendered through the knowledge of the lives of our eminent statesmen, renowned scholars and ablest generals.

We trust that time will but strengthen the love and deepen the respect that all Americans must and ought to have towards those eminent men who were the architects of our government, and later, those who were, in the hand of Providence, instrumental in perpetuating the glorious heritage.

It yet remains for us, their descendants, to forever keep pure and sacred the principles they inculcated and to imitate their examples.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee recommend that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,300 for regular school expenses, which includes teachers' salaries, fuel and care of buildings. They also recom-

mend that \$1900 be raised and appropriated for incidental school expenses, including the purchase of text-book supplies, and that \$125 be raised and appropriated for the purchase and erection of suitable flagstaffs, halyards, etc., for all the school buildings.

#### COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

Two vacancies in the Committee are to be filled at the ensuing Town meeting. The terms of Messrs. Horace G. Wadlin and Walter S. Parker expire.

Adopted in School Committee, Mar. 14, 1890.

WALTER S. PARKER,  
HORACE G. WADLIN,  
EDWARD F. PARKER,  
WARREN E. EATON,  
GILMAN L. PARKER,  
CYRUS M. BARROWS.





## APPENDIX.

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading, (1885).....	3,539
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1889 .....	614
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age, May, 1889 .....	372
Amount appropriated for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms .....	\$9,800 00
Amount appropriated for incidentals .....	1,800 00
Unexpended balance of appropriations for repairs at Chestnut Hill School, (1888) .....	55 72
Amount from books and supplies sold.....	32 05
Amount drawn from Massachusetts School Fund.....	289 96
Total receipts .....	<u>\$11,977 73</u>
Expended for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms .....	\$10,052 63
Expended for text books and supplies.....	854 11
Expended for incidentals.....	1,070 99
Total expenditures.....	<u>\$11,977 73</u>

### PUPILS.

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year.....	729
Average membership of all the schools.....	600
Average attendance in all the schools during the year.....	553
Percentage of attendance, based on average membership...	92
Number attending within the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory age) .....	405
Number of pupils admitted to the High School.....	39



Age of youngest pupil admitted, 12 years 9 months.

Age of oldest pupil admitted, 16 years 11 months.

Average age of pupils admitted, 14 years 6 months.

### TEACHERS.

Number of male teachers employed .....	1
Number of female teachers employed .....	17
Average wages per month of female teachers.....	\$42 32
Number of teachers who have attended Normal Schools....	11
Number of teachers who have graduated from Normal Schools,	10

### NAMES OF PUPILS GRADUATED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE, 1889.

#### FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

Herbert Cyrus Barrows.

#### THREE YEARS' COURSE.

John Martin Cummings,	Annie Augusta Dewey,
Joseph Dwight Lewis,	Gertrude Olive Foss,
Richard Bettinson Lewis,	Lucy Wellington Roby,
Mabel Frances Bancroft,	Bertha Mason Stott,
Alice May Damon,	Harriet Lydia Weston,
Mary Bent Wilson.	

### ROLL OF HONOR.

Giving names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1889, and the schools to which they belong.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

*Grace D. Sweetser,	Ella M. Hunt,
Wilfred A. Bancroft,	Ardell P. Temple,
Harry E. Eames,	Marion K. Dewey,
Lena W. Barrus,	†Emma E. Totten.

#### EIGHTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

Edith L. Swain,	Marion T. Pratt,
Linnie L. Thayer.	

	SEVENTH CLASS GRAMMAR.	
†Annie M. Martin,		†Edgar O. Dewey.
	SIXTH CLASS GRAMMAR.	
Charles Goldthwait,		†Charles F. Perry.
	FIFTH CLASS GRAMMAR.	
†Roy E. Parker,		William O. Davis.
	FOURTH CLASS GRAMMAR.	
Lucy A. Danforth,		†S. Quincy P. Brown,
	William S. Badger.	
	THIRD CLASS PRIMARY.	
	Florence B. Allen.	
	SECOND CLASS PRIMARY.	
†Harry C. Barr,		Alma N. Damon,
Edward F. Parker,		Stanley F. Parker.
	FIRST CLASS PRIMARY.	
Henry M. Allen,		John P. Hardy.
	CHESTNUT HILL GRAMMAR.	
Joseph Weston,		†Robert B. Weston.
	PROSPECT STREET GRAMMAR.	
Mabel F. Platts,		Grace A. Platts.
	MAIN STREET SCHOOL.	
Cora Nichols,		Edwin Killam.
	HAVERHILL STREET SCHOOL.	
Emma E. Wakefield,		John J. Wakefield.
	LOWELL STREET SCHOOL.	
	Blanche P. Washburn.	

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\* Neither absent nor tardy for six years.

† Neither absent nor tardy for two years.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

### EXPENDED FOR JANITORS.

Center School Buildings.....	\$399 00	
Prospect Street Building.....	114 00	
Chestnut Hill        ".....	57 00	
Lowell Street        ".....	36 00	
Main Street         ".....	28 50	
Haverhill Street    ".....	38 00	
	<hr/>	\$672 50

### EXPENDED FOR FUEL.

C. L. Martin, for coal.....	\$51 25	
Wendell Bancroft, for coal.....	718 27	
L. J. Walker, for wood.....	56 48	
Howard W. Batchelder, for wood.....	18 50	
D. E. Cox, for wood.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$856 50
William Ellis, labor on wood.....	\$2 50	
Howard W. Batchelder, labor on wood.....	5 00	
Charles F. Bessom,        "    "    ".....	6 00	
Eben Beard,                "    "    ".....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 50

### EXPENDED FOR TEACHING.

High School,.....	\$2,605 00
Eighth Class Grammar,.....	513 69
Seventh   "        "        .....	460 94
Sixth       "       "        .....	456 00
Fifth       "       "        .....	380 00
Fourth     "       "        .....	380 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$4795 63

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4795 63
Third Class Primary .....	422 00
Second " " .....	380 00
First " " .....	404 40
Chestnut Hill Grammar.....	319 00
Chestnut " Primary .....	304 00
Prospect Street Grammar .....	418 00
Prospect " Primary .....	284 80
Lowell " Mixed .....	324 00
Main " " .....	228 00
Haverhill " " .....	304 00
Music Teacher.....	323 30
	<hr/> \$8,507 13
Total .....	\$10,052 63
Appropriation .....	\$9,800 00
Drawn from Massachusetts School Fund.....	252 63
	<hr/> \$10,052 63

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett .....	\$57 28
A. C. Stockin .....	56 78
Harper Brothers.....	55 25
George F. King & Merrill .....	70 10
D. C. Heath & Co.....	29 20
George S. Perry.....	25 15
Thompson, Brown & Co.....	29 49
Lee & Shepard.....	34 53
A. S. Barnes & Co.....	23 57
William Ware & Co.....	65 98
Clark & Maynard.....	4 80
Harrison Hume.....	47 27
George Frost.....	1 00
Pulsifer, Jordan & Pfaff.....	25 00
Boston School Supply Co.....	5 47
Charles H. Kilborn .....	8 00
	<hr/> \$538 87
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$538 87
Carter, Carter & Kilham .....	1 48
Educational Supply Co. ....	6 88
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. ....	31 03
D. Appleton & Co. ....	16 25
Educational Publishing Co. ....	7 50
Iverson, Blakeman & Co. ....	21 00
F. M. Ambrose .....	15 24
W. R. Butler .....	5 30
George P. Smith. ....	1 10
Ginn & Co. ....	170 81
Thomas Hall. ....	38 65

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 \$854 11

#### INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Arthur J. Davis, labor .....	\$1 00
Wm. H. Twombly & Sons, printing. ....	1 50
N. W. Broad, labor and material. ....	218 60
Murphy & Levens, brushes and dusters. ....	18 68
Edward F. Parker, 2 gongs .....	6 00
William H. Wightman, insurance. ....	33 00
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing. ....	22 00
D. C. Sanborn, labor. ....	1 75
H. L. Cummings, teaming. ....	75
Jerry Flint, plastering and whitening. ....	19 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material .....	51 97
Old South M. E. Society, use of church. ....	20 00
H. F. Miller Piano Co., use of piano .....	8 00
Michael Quinlan, labor and material .....	39 00
G. S. Tukey, new pump. ....	21 00
Patrick Conley, labor. ....	6 00
H. K. Austin, repairs on furnaces. ....	3 40
B. & M. R. R., freight. ....	1 38
Albert B. Franklin, furnace grates .....	24 00
Moses E. Nichols, painting .....	171 35
Beal & Clement, express .....	2 25

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*Amount carried forward,* \$670 63

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$670 63	
R. L. Beers, labor.....	12 45	
Howard W. Batchelder, labor .....	1 00	
Howard W. Batchelder, rent of land .....	5 00	
Lewis M. Bancroft, agent, insurance.....	24 00	
H. C. Watson, labor and material .....	11 32	
A. G. Whitcomb, school furniture .....	64 20	
H. M. Wiswall, repairing blackboards.....	2 50	
Lang's express .....	13 30	
C. T. Robinson, bell wheel.....	4 00	
G. W. Atkinson, pails.....	1 15	
J. C. Cook, painting .....	15 04	
Charles F. Bessom, labor.....	50	
Francis Brothers, labor and material .....	42 13	
John H. Bancroft, labor.....	50	
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas.....	11 00	
Reading Planing Mills, umbrella stands .....	11 00	
David C. Temple, labor.....	50	
Laton W. Bryant, labor .....	10 50	
M. A. Stone, supplies.....	7 10	
David Pratt, labor.....	10 00	
W. R. Butler, supplies .....	3 17	
Edward F. Parker, agent, for books and supplies from March 1, 1888, to March 1, 1890.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$1070 99
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		\$1925 10
Appropriation .....	\$1800 00	
Books and supplies sold.....	32 05	
Balance from Chestnut Hill, 1889 .....	55 72	
Drawn from Massachusetts School Fund.....	37 33	
	<hr/>	\$1925 10
Books and supplies in hands of Agent.....		\$105 08

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TOWN WARRANT.

1890.

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# TOWN WARRANT.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

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TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,

*Greeting :*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the seventh day of April, A.D. 1890, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collectors, School Committee, Road Commissioners, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustees of the Cemetery, and Auditors.

ART. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constables, one Road Commissioner for three years; also on separate ballot, two members of the School Committee for three years; also on separate ballots to bring in their votes in

answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"—each ballot to be received at the same time in separate boxes.

ART. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and see what instructions you will give said officers.

ART. 5. To determine how much money the Town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, repairs of highways and bridges, removing ice and snow, fire department, support of the poor, street lights, salaries of town officers, State and military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, maintenance of the police, cemetery, public library, soldiers' graves, interest on the town debt, reduction of the town debt, deficiencies and miscellaneous expenses.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will employ nightwatchmen the ensuing year, how much money they will raise for the purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of laying concrete sidewalks and edge-stones, the ensuing year, provided the abutters pay one-half the expense of laying the same.

ART. 9. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

ART. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the care of the town clock on the Old South M. E. Church for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase the vacant lots between the cemetery and Federal street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for edgestones and concrete sidewalks around the Centre Primary School building.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars to paint and repair the Almshouse.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars to purchase a road roller.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate four hundred dollars to build a bridge across Brook street, or what they will do. .

ART. 18. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Assessors to print the valuation list of 1890, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the payment of the same.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to grade and build a sidewalk on Linden street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to lay a concrete sidewalk with edgestones on the northerly side of Woburn street, from Ash street to the railroad, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for the purpose.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to grade and concrete a sidewalk on the westerly side of Main street, from Minot street to the railroad, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to finish the sidewalk commenced last year on Charles street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of extending the sidewalk on High street, from J. W. Manning's nursery to the Lowell street school-house.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for concrete gutters and cross-walks.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars, to repair John street, from Green street to Salem street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will build a new culvert across Green street, a few rods from High street, or take any other measures for removing the water which naturally flows across the location of said Green street, and determine how much money shall be raised and appropriated for the purpose.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to lower the drain pipe that leads from the house of Patrick Devaney on Main street, to the brook that runs through the land of Moses Morse, and also lower the brook that runs through the land of said Moses Morse, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build an engine house for the use of the Fountain Engine Company Number Three, on North Main street, the same to be expended under the direction of the Board of Fire Engineers and a Committee from the Fountain Engine Company, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to place a fire alarm box at the junction of Charles and Haverhill streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the extension of the bridge at the corner of Avon and Main streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will authorize the proper officers to lay out and build a sidewalk from West street to the residence of Needham Nichols on the southerly side of Woburn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to appoint a clerk, whose duty shall be to keep a correct record of all meetings of the Board, and all moneyed accounts of the Town.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will raise the pay of the firemen to fifty cents per hour, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Road Commissioners to put in concrete cross-walks on Lincoln and Arlington streets, at Woburn street.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will instruct the Road Commissioners to repair the concrete sidewalks whenever needed.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will erect and maintain two street lights on Temple street between the bend in said street and Summer avenue.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a street light on or near the corner of Pleasant and Middle streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will erect and maintain two new street lights, one to be between Warren avenue and Washington street, the other two hundred and fifty feet north of Main street, on Minot street, or what they will do in relation thereto.



ART. 39. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a light on High street, opposite Wendell Bancroft's coal-shed; also one at the corner of High and Mt. Vernon streets.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a street light on Lincoln street, midway between Woburn street and the Boston and Main station.

ART. 41. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners on extending Mineral street from Summer avenue to Prospect street.

ART. 42. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners in relation to guide posts.

ART. 43. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names for Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-sixth day of March, A.D. 1890.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	
	<i>of</i>
	} <i>Reading.</i>

A true copy—Attest:

*Constable.*

## LIST OF JURORS.

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The subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, have prepared the following list of persons who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors, and respectfully submit the same for the action of the Town :

Atkinson, George H.  
Austin, Henry K.  
Bancroft, Frederick  
Bancroft, Moses  
Barrows, Cyrus M.  
Bassett, Edwin  
Batchelder, Howard W.  
Blood, Edwin W.  
Boyce, George A.  
Brown, Henry M.  
Canty, John D.  
Coney, Charles S.  
Cook, Walter F.  
Davis, William W.  
Damon, George H.  
Deadman, Henry  
Eaton John H.  
Eames, Charles B.  
Eames, Paul R.  
Eames, Rufus C.  
Emerson, Arthur G.  
Griggs, James H.  
Gleason, Junius I.  
Hatch, Frederick W.  
Harrington, Edward B.  
Killam, Joseph W.  
Knight, Erastus

Foss, Jacob K.  
Jones, Oren N.  
Lovejoy, Eugene L.  
McKay, James  
Meador, George C.  
Nichols, Henry D.  
Nichols, Richard B.  
Parker, Frank  
Parker, Henry F.  
Parker, Stillman E.  
Perkins, William H.  
Pratt, Charles T.  
Pratt, Harland P.  
Putnam, George L.  
Sanborn, Daniel C.  
Sargent, George A.  
Sawyer, Addison A.  
Smith, Benjamin Y.  
Stoodley, Nathan D.  
Temple, Arthur W.  
Twombly, Willie E.  
Wardsworth, George F.  
Weston, Charles A.  
Whelton, David  
Wight, Ephraim  
Wightman, William H.  
Young, Samuel C.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS, } *Selectmen*  
R. DEXTER TEMPLE, } *of*  
STILLMAN M. PRATT. } *Reading.*



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